Steps taken by Pakistan to create conducive atmosphere for dialogue

216. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) apart from Pakistan deciding to stop cross-border infiltration, what other steps have been taken to create conducive atmosphere for future dialogue; and

(b) how does Pakistan expect that tension between the two countries would be eased when it still has not allowed the use of its air space to India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) It is well known that Pakistan has been engaged in the sponsorship of cross-border terrorism directed against India in violation of international law and bilateral agreements. Government have taken appropriate diplomatic and other measures to effectively defeat the menace of cross-border terrorism. Pakistan has now made a commitment to stop cross-border infiltration on a permanent basis, not to allow the territory of Pakistan to be used for terrorism anywhere in the world, or any organisation in Pakistan to indulge in terrorism in the name of Kashmir. Should Pakistan operationalise its intention to move purposefully towards eradicating cross-border terrorism. India will be prepared to resume bilateral dialogue to address outstanding issues and enhance co-operation.

International support to combat terrorism

217. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the constructive effort together International support for India to combat terrorism after the incident of 13th December. 2001:

(b) the names of the countries who support India's stand on International Cross-Border Terrorism: and

(c) the level of support these countries are willing to extend to India on the issue ?